

# Dr. Arenkala Ao

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Designation: Assistant Professor

University Affiliation: Nagaland University

Date of joining: 22nd February 2022

## Education

### PhD | June 2018 | Centre For Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Thesis Title: “Language, Culture, Identity, and Religion: A Study of Contemporary Naga Community”.

### MPhil | 2012 | Centre For Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Dissertation Title: “Dynamics of Ao-Naga Culture: Study of the Changes in Linguistics and Religious Beliefs, Discourses and Practices in the Context of the Transition to Christianity”.

### MA | 2010 | Centre For Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Specialization: Linguistics
- Dissertation Title: “Interrogation in Awadhi”.

## Awards & Fellowships

Junior Research Fellow | 2012–2017 | University Grants Commission

## Research Guidance

### (i) MA, Dissertation

2022: Guided 17 students with their Dissertation as part of the fulfilment of Master’s Degree course in July, 2022. Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University.

2023: Guided 18 students with their Dissertation as part of the fulfilment of Master’s Degree course in July, 2023. Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University.

### (ii) PhD, Guidance

Currently supervising four scholars who are working on languages viz., Sumi, Lotha, Khiamniungan and Poula.

## Teaching Experiences

1. | 2012 | Teacher, Western International School, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. September, 2012 to December, 2012.
2. | 2013 | Assistant teacher, Center for Linguistics, JNU. New Delhi.
3. | 2014 | Assistant teacher, Center for Linguistics, JNU. New Delhi.

4. | 2018 | Guest faculty, Amity University, Noida. July, 2018 to November, 2018.

### **Projects**

1. | 2016 | Field investigator for the city of Delhi on the project “Discrimination and Challenges before Women from North East India: Case Studies from four Metros New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru” at Jamia Millia Islamia, which was funded by National Commission of Women, New Delhi.
2. | 2018 | Engaged in a project that involved transcribing various regional languages organized by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysuru.
3. | 2022 | Engaged in a Project “Translations of Tele-Law: Voices of the Beneficiaries Modules” under the aegis of the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India and CSC Services e-Governance Services India Limited.

### **Job Experience**

| July 2020 – January 2022 | Consortium For Educational Communication (CEC).

Co-ordinated with EMRC coordinators, monitored UG courses on SWAYAM, guided, directed and facilitated the overall activities of the Media Centers set up by UGC in various Universities in India.

### **Publications**

1. “Folklore and Memory: With special reference to Ao Naga Community”, Lokaratna, Volume VIII, April 2015 – ISSN: 2347-6427.
2. “Fixity and Fluidity in the Context of the Naga Community”, in Kattookaran, Thomas Paul and Paul Jose, P. (Eds.), Proceedings of the International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (ICHUSS-I), Thrissur: Book Media, 2016-ISBN-9789385105432.
3. “Language and Identity: With Reference to Naga Women Writers”, Asian Women vol. 35 no. 4 (December 2019). doi: <https://doi.org/10.14431/aw.2019.12.35.4.91>
4. “Mother Tongue and Identity: With Reference to Ao Community” in Charisma K. Lepcha and Uttam Lal (Eds.) *Community, Institutions and Histories of India's Northeast*. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2022. ISBN 978-90729-31-9
5. “Cultural Relativism and Hospitality: The Coming of the Other”. *Jadavpur Journal of Languages and Linguistics (JJLL)* (forthcoming)

### **Papers Presented**

1. “Cultural Relativism and Hospitality: The Coming of the Other” at the International Conference on Language, Culture and Cognition organized by the Centre for Study of Contemporary Theory and Research, Adamas University in collaboration with the School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University and the Department of Psychology, Sister Nivedita University from 14-16 March 2024.
2. “Naga Identities in the Context of Globalization” at the International Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovators: Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindset in Higher Education organized by Tharananellur Arts and Science College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur, in collaboration with St.

Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur and DMI St. John the Baptist University, Malawi, Central Africa on 7 & 8 March 2024.

3. “Language and Identity: The Emergence of Pidgin Languages in Nagaland” at the International Conference on Management and Allied Sciences (ICMAS-1) organized by Department of Commerce, Prajyoti Niketan College, Thrissur District from 25-26 October 2018.
4. “Mother Tongue and Identity: The Formation of Ao Community Through Language” at the International Conference on Language, Power and Identity in Asia Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries organized by the National Museum of Antiquities Leiden, the Netherlands, from 14-16 March 2016.
5. “Fixity and Fluidity in the Context of the Naga Community”, at the International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (ICHUSS-I) organized by Research Department of Commerce, St Thomas’ College, Trissur from 28-29 January 2016.
6. “Language and Community: Nagamese Pidgin in the Context of Naga Identity Formation” at the Two-Day National Conference on Current Trends in Linguistic – With Special Reference to Kashmiri Language and Linguistics organized by the Department of Linguistics, University of Kashmir, Srinagar in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore from 12-13 August 2015.
7. “Language, Community & Culture: Transitions in Ao-Naga Community” at the International Conference on Reimagining India’s North East: Narratives, Networks and Negotiations organized by the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from 4-6 February 2015.
8. “Religion, Community and Identity: With Special Reference to Ao Naga Community” at the 10th International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (ICHUSO) 2014 organized by Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen Province, Thailand from 20– 21 November 2014.
9. “Folklore and Memory: With special reference to Ao Naga Community” at the International Conference on Folklore: Reinventing Past Through Folk Traditions, organized by the Centre for Russian Studies, SLL & CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from 23-25 October 2013.

### **Workshop and Faculty Induction Programme**

1. Third Students’ Conference of Linguistics in India (SCONLI – 3) organized by Centre for Linguistics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 19-20 February 2009 and 21 February 2009.
2. Five-day Training Programme on Writing Linguistic Reports on Minor and Tribal Languages organized by Central Institute of Indian Languages, Department of Higher Education from 09-13 October 2017.
3. 2-Day International Workshop on Language Documentation and Annotation organized by Center for Naga Tribal Studies and Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University from 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2022.

4. 2-Day International Workshop on Research Methodology in Linguistics organized by Department of Linguistics and Center for Naga Tribal Studies Nagaland University from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.
5. Three-Day Workshop on Praat Software organized by Department of Linguistics from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.
6. One Month Faculty Induction Programme organized by UGC (HRDC), Jawaharlal Nehru University, UGC- Sponsored Faculty Induction Programme (Online) held from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
7. One Day Workshop on Writing, Personality and Cognition at the International Conference on Language, Culture and Cognition organized by the Centre for Study of Contemporary Theory and Research, Adamas University in collaboration with the School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University and the Department of Psychology, Sister Nevedita University held on March 2024.

### **Chair**

1. Chaired a session on Issues and Problems on Language - II at the Two-day National Conference on Language and Identity in Northeast India: Emerging Trends and Narratives jointly organized by the Center for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia.
2. Chaired a session at the International Conference on Management and Allied Sciences (ICMAS-1) organized by Department of Commerce, Prajyoti Niketan College, Thrissur District from 25-26 October 2018.

### **Seminar organized and coordinated**

1. Organized a “Two-day National Conference on Language and Identity in Northeast India: Emerging Trends and Narratives” jointly organized by Center for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi and Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University on 17-18 November 2022.
2. Coordinated the First International Conference on Social Sciences (ICSS-1) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovators: Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindset in Higher Education organized by Tharananellur Arts and Science College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur, in collaboration with St. Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur and DMI St. John the Baptist University, Malawi, Central Africa on 7- 8 March 2024.

### **Invited Lecture**

1. “The Significance of Mother Tongue” on the occasion of International Mother Language Day held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 organized by the Department of Linguistics, Nagaland University.
2. “The nuances and aspects on the idea of Language” at the International Conference on Management and Allied Sciences (ICMAS – 1) organized by the Department of

Commerce, Prajyoti Niketan College, Thrissur District, Kerala from 25-26 October 2018.